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DECLINE IN PRODUCTION OF PULSES
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of pulses has come down in each of the last three years till date despite spending crores of rupees on the research;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of the steps taken by the Government to boost the production of quality pulses?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The production of pulses remained fluctuating over the last few years depending upon the behaviour of the monsoon. The production of pulses during the last three years is given in the following table:

Year	Production (in lakh tonnes)
1999-2000	134.18
2000-2001	110.76
2001-2002	131.91

(c): To enhance the pulse production in the country, pulses have been brought under the purview of Technology Mission on Oilseeds & Pulses. A scheme of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) is being implemented for this purpose.Under the scheme, assistance is being provided for critical inputs like production & distribution of seeds, seed minikits, improved farm implements, rhyzobium culture, micro-nutrients, Integrated Pest Management and distribution of sprinkler sets, Gypsum, Nuclear Polyhedrosis Virus (NPV) etc. In addition, frontline and block demonstrations are also organized on farmers` fields for transfer of technology.